

COMMUNITY MEETING COMING IN JUNE!

LEARN ABOUT CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES AND TRAFFIC DETOURS



Date: Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Location: City of Fremont Teen Center

Address: 39770 Paseo Padre Parkway in Central Park (at Sailway Dr.), Fremont, CA

The City invites you to attend a community meeting on June 6 about in progress and upcoming construction activities associated with the Grade Separation Project.

Attendees will have the opportunity to view project exhibits and talk with project staff during the open house beginning at 6:00 p.m. A presentation will follow at 7:00 p.m. about upcoming construction activities and phasing plans, traffic changes, community outreach, and other important information related to the project. A facilitated question and answer session will follow the presentation.

The community meeting is wheelchair accessible. To request a sign language interpreter, contact us at least five days in advance of the meeting by calling (510) 273-2488 or emailing us at info@fremontgradesep.com.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Ongoing dialogue with the community is an important part of the Grade Separation Project. Throughout construction, the City will provide advance notice of traffic changes and construction activities through mailed updates, street signage, and information on the project web site. If you would like to receive construction updates via email, please provide us with your email address. For more information, questions, or to sign up on the mailing list:

Visit: www.fremontgradesep.com **Call:** (510) 273-2488 **E-mail:** info@fremontgradesep.com

The City of Fremont appreciates your patience and cooperation during this important construction project.



Washington Boulevard/Paseo Padre Parkway
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The purpose of this newsletter is to update you on the status of the Washington Boulevard/Paseo Padre Parkway Grade Separation Project. Additional newsletters and construction notices will be distributed throughout construction.

MAIN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARDED

CONSTRUCTION OF THE FULL GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT UNDERWAY!

Spring 2007 marked a milestone in the 10-year history of the Washington Boulevard /Paseo Padre Parkway Grade Separation project with City Council awarding the largest contract on the project to the joint-venture of DeSilva Gates / R&L Brosamer and the recent kick-off of major construction.

Over the past few years, the City managed to overcome funding hurdles and obtain \$68 million in outside grants to help build this \$111 million project that will improve safety, reduce traffic delays, and help facilitate the BART extension to Warm Springs.

The community will see major changes unfolding on Washington Boulevard and Paseo Padre Parkway over the next three and a half years as major construction efforts progress.

To learn more about upcoming construction activities and traffic detours, attend the community meeting on Wednesday, June 6. See insert for details.

DIG THIS!

THE CITY BREAKS GROUND

Members of the public joined the City and partnering agencies to celebrate the start of major construction at the groundbreaking event on May 3, 2007. Fremont Mayor Bob Wasserman, City Manager, Fred Diaz, County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, and BART Director Tom Blalock in addition to other City staff acknowledged the importance of the project locally and regionally.

"This project will transform the look of this part of our City...and it will install sidewalks and bike lanes, improve safety, and decrease delays. Thanks to the Fremont Community for their valuable input; we wouldn't be here without your participation," stated Mayor Wasserman.

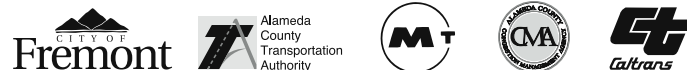
Supervisor Haggerty and BART Director Blalock also acknowledged the City for its leadership in taking the first crucial steps to enable the future BART extension

to Warm Springs in south Fremont, thereby eliminating costly bridges and minimizing future community impacts.

DeSilva Gates / R&L Brosamer will begin major construction this spring.



Community digs in at groundbreaking celebration



Attend a Community Meeting on June 6 about Upcoming Construction Activities

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CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

WHAT TO EXPECT SPRING AND SUMMER 2007

Following is an overview of construction activities that will occur on Paseo Padre Parkway and Washington Boulevard this spring and summer 2007. In addition, utility relocation work will continue in the project area through the end of 2008, mainly in public right-of-ways outside of City streets and private property.

Paseo Padre Parkway

The first stage of major construction includes completing the temporary detour road so traffic can be rerouted this fall. The new temporary detour road will be reconfigured to one lane of traffic in each direction as traffic studies have determined a single lane in each direction is adequate at this location.

Once traffic has shifted over to the temporary detour road, the contractor will begin driving piles for the railroad, BART, and pedestrian/utility bridges; driving piles for the retaining walls on both sides of the underpass; and constructing an underground wall by mixing cement and soil to minimize groundwater seepage in the low-lying section of the roadway and allow for construction to proceed on the underpass.

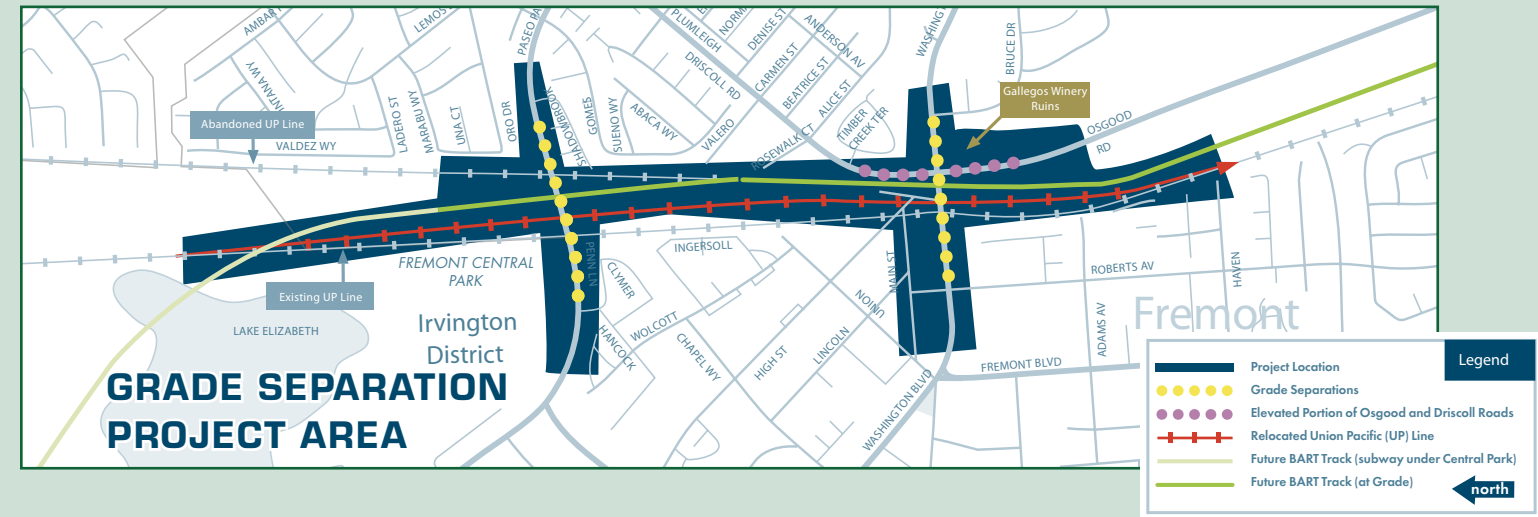
Washington Boulevard

The contractor will begin grading the temporary detour road near Washington Boulevard this spring/summer. Traffic will be rerouted onto the new temporary detour road after AT&T completes work in the area, which is anticipated to be in fall 2007. The detour roads for Washington Boulevard and Osgood and Driscoll roads will remain similar to their current lane configurations.

Motorists and residents also may notice an increase in trucks hauling materials during the excavation slated for the area east of the existing railroad tracks between Union and High streets.

What to Expect

- Construction Hours:** Construction activities will occur primarily between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday – Friday and if necessary, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. Extended weekend working hours will be required during certain stages of construction work at Washington Boulevard. Extensive advance notification will be provided to alert residents to the weekend work and traffic changes.
- Traffic:** When traffic is shifted onto the temporary detours, traffic delays can be expected, specifically when trains pass through the area. New temporary railroad crossings will be constructed for both the Paseo Padre Parkway and Washington Boulevard detour roads to ensure the train crossings remain safe. Throughout the project, drivers should remain vigilant of traffic flow along Paseo Padre Parkway and Washington Boulevard, near the railroad crossings, and around construction crews.
- Trees and Vegetation:** Some trees, shrubs, and other vegetation will be removed as part of construction. The project area will be landscaped before the completion of the project to replace the trees and shrubberies lost during construction.



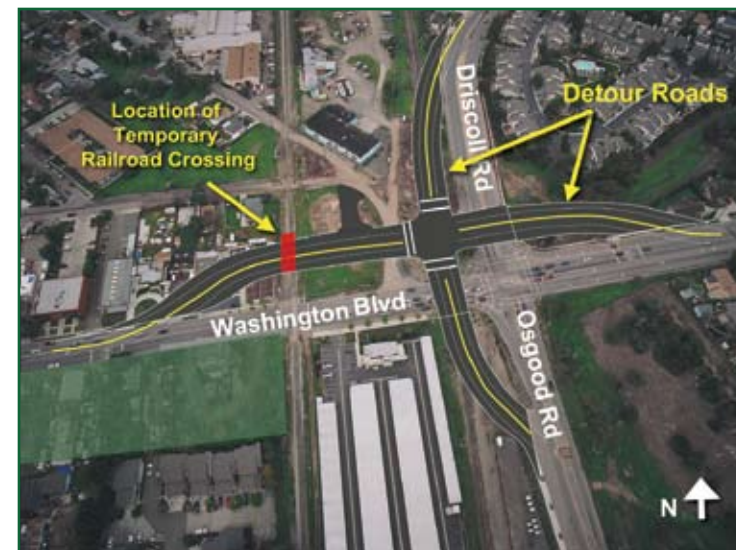
AN OVERVIEW OF UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION MILESTONES

Over the next three and a half years, many changes will take place on Washington Boulevard and Paseo Padre Parkway. The table below illustrates the major milestones and construction stages to expect for the project. The construction schedule is approximate and subject to change pending weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

	Spring 2007 – Fall 2007	Fall 2007 – Spring 2008	Spring 2008 – Fall 2009	Fall 2009 – Spring 2010	Spring 2010 – Fall 2010
PASEO PADRE PARKWAY	<p>Complete temporary detour road and reroute traffic onto it.</p> <p>Begin initial construction activities on the new underpass and railroad, utility, and BART bridges.</p>	<p>Continue constructing underpass and bridges.</p> <p>Complete the new railroad, BART and utility bridges; continue constructing the underpass.</p>	<p>Complete the new railroad, BART and utility bridges; continue constructing the underpass.</p>	<p>Complete the retaining walls and construction of the new underpass.</p>	<p>Transfer traffic onto the new roadway.</p> <p>Landscaping the project site.</p>
BETWEEN PASEO PADRE PARKWAY AND WASHINGTON BOULEVARD		<p>Build new railroad corridor east of existing one.</p>	<p>After the new railroad track is in place, switch railroad traffic to the new corridor. Following this, grade separation work will occur in the areas formerly occupied by the Union Pacific Railroad tracks.</p>		
WASHINGTON BOULEVARD	<p>Construct temporary detour roads for Washington Boulevard and Osgood/Driscoll roads.</p>	<p>Transfer traffic onto new temporary detour roads and begin constructing overpass.</p>	<p>Complete the new overhead structures for the railroad and BART; continue constructing the remaining portion of the Washington Boulevard overpass and the elevated portions of Osgood and Driscoll roads.</p>	<p>Transfer traffic onto the new overpass and elevated roads in stages to minimize traffic delays and ensure public safety.</p> <p>Remove the detour roads and complete landscaping.</p>	<p>After traffic is placed on the new roadways widen Driscoll and Osgood roads to four lanes and complete landscaping.</p>



Detour Road for Paseo Padre Parkway



Detour Roads for Washington Boulevard and Osgood and Driscoll Roads